

50TH ANNIVERSARY ESSAYS

The essays in this special section were solicited to mark *JEAB*'s 50th anniversary of publication. Working together as editor and editor-elect, we obtained essays from five former editors of the journal, representing the five decades of *JEAB*'s existence. To add something of an outside perspective, we also obtained an essay from John Wixted, who served not only as an associate editor of *JEAB* but also as associate editor and editor on several other journals, and who is well positioned to reflect on *JEAB*'s unique place among the many publications in the field of psychology.

The opening essay is an historical piece on the founding and development of the journal, written by Vic Laties, who has been closely involved with *JEAB* almost since its inception, and whose countless contributions to the journal continue to this day through his po-

sition as executive editor. For the other five essays, we asked the authors to consider such issues as: (1) where the journal and the field have been; (2) how the field has changed or evolved, and what has been accomplished; and (3) speculation about where the discipline will or should go in the future.

We were not looking for reminiscences or personal anecdotes, and we did not intend the essays to be nostalgia pieces. Rather, we wanted to rely on the writers' distinctive perspectives as former editors to reflect on the scientific accomplishments that have occurred in the experimental analysis of behavior during the past 50 years, on the place of the journal, and on possibilities for the future.

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